

SBA Policy and Procedures
APPENDIX A

Student Enrollment Requirements to Meet School Building Authority of West Virginia Guidelines for ECONOMIES OF SCALE

The following table indicates the enrollment needed for a school to be eligible for SBA funding without the need for an economies of scale waiver. This size is based upon their grade structure. The recommended school sizes to effectively meet economies of scale are as follows:

Kindergarten & Pre-kindergarten Elementary Schools	Two classes – 20 students per class
	Grade levels 1-8 – two classes per grade level – 25 students per class
Middle/Junior High Schools	Grade levels 5-9 – 150 students per grade level Grade levels 10-12 – 200 students per grade level

<u>Grades</u>	<u>100% Enrollment Required</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>100% Enrollment Required</u>
ELEMENTARY			
K only	40	K-9	590
K-1	90	K-12	1,590
K-2	140	1-3	150
K-3	190	1-4	200
K-4	240	1-5	250
K-5	290	1-6	300
K-6	340	1-7	350
K-7	390	2-5	200
K-8	440	2-6	250
		3-5	150
MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH			
3-6	400	5-8	600
3-8	700	5-9	750
4-5	200	6-8	450
4-6	350	7-8	300
4-9	800	7-9	450
5-6	300		
HIGH SCHOOL			
7-12	1,050		
8-12	900		
9-12	800		
10-12	600		
11-12	400		

- (1) Funding consideration will be given to enrollments that meet 85% of these EOS Guidelines.
- (2) Often there are factors such as distance, geographic barriers or financial limitations that will affect the ability of the school system to meet the economies of scale in regard to the enrollment of a school. Therefore, the Authority could waive this requirement in extraordinary circumstances.
- (3) If a pre-kindergarten program is located at the school, these additional students shall be included in the student enrollment counts and the economies of scale calculation will be adjusted based on the number of Pre-K students and a maximum of 20 students per classroom.

School Building Authority of West Virginia
PROVISION OF WAIVER
For Expenditure of Grants on
Schools With Enrollment Under The Economies of Scale Guidelines

A waiver to the expenditure of SBA Funds may be requested for projects in schools where the enrollment is less than the Economies of Scale Guidelines as designated by the Authority and the State Board of Education. Information concerning the facility and the proposed project must be provided on SBA Form 131 Economy of Scale Waiver Request by the county board of education and the project must be in agreement with the county's ten year Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan. Additionally, the request must be in accordance with one or more of the following:

1. A waiver may be granted to address specific fire, safety or health violations or conditions when the health and/or safety of students who must continue to be housed in the facility are jeopardized.
2. A waiver may be granted for a school project when the facility will, in accordance with the ten year Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan, be receiving additional enrollments from other attendance areas in the near future.
3. A waiver may be granted for a school project when the specific school is determined to be geographically isolated from other school populations and eliminates the potential for attaining enrollment economies.
4. A waiver may be granted when a school is the only facility in the county that provides service to students in the particular grade levels included in the school. For example – Is this the only middle school/high school or elementary school in the county?

A waiver for projects other than the correction of health and safety problems should not be granted to a school that is functional or scheduled for closure in the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan.